THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The power supply position in Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal) during the period April—July 2001 is given below :

Energy (Million Units)		Peak (MW)	
Requirement	15625	Demand	7040
Availability	13900	Met	6149
Shortage	1725	Deficit	891
%	11.0	%	12.7

The power shortage in Uttar Pradesh is attributable mainly to low generation from its own sources and financial crunches limiting its paying capability for purchase of adequate power against its entitled share from the central sector generating stations in the Northern Region.

(d) The States of Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh have failed to reach an agreement on transfer of assets, liabilities and power sharing and have referred the matter to Government of India. Accordingly, the power stations situated in Uttaranchal are still in the ownership of Uttar Pradesh Jal Vidyut Nigam and hence at present there is no agreement between Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal on sale of electricity. However, an agreement between Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation and Uttar Pradesh Jal Vidyut Nigam exists for the sale of hydropower.

Foreign financial aid for power projects

†4059. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of amount of financial aid received from foreign financial institutions for power projects separately by Government; and

(b) the amount utilized by Government out of the above aid alongwith the details of the projects in which it could not be utilized and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) The Indian Power Sector receives concessional credit through a number of multilateral and bilateral funding agencies. Whereas the World Bank (IBRD) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) are multi-lateral donors, bilateral assistance is received primarily from Japan (JBIC)/earlier OECF, U.K., Germany (KfW) and France.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The utilisation of external assistance, which has been provided through budget to on-going power projects being constructed in Central and State sectors during 2000-2001 is as follows :—

Year	Disbursement Target (B.E.) (Rs. Crore)	Actual Utilisation (Rs. Crore)	% Utilisation of B.E.
2000-2001	1809.71	2351.79	129.90

During 2000-2001, full utilization of external assistance could not be achieved in some of the ongoing projects. Substantial shortfalls were in Nathpa Jhakri HEP (NJPC), Srisailam Power Transmission Project (APTRANSCO), Purulia Pumped Storage Power Project (WBSEB), West Bengal Power Transmission Project (WBSEB), Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project (WBPDCL) and R and M of Umiam HEP (Meghalaya). Broad reasons for shortfall in utilization of external assistance include damage of plant and equipment by flash floods, delay in award of contracts, delay in supplies by contractors and performance guarantee test, litigation problems etc.

Power Bonds

4060. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether "NTPC is likely to earn Rs. 900 crore annually from SEB bonds" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 6th August, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total outstanding dues including surcharge which State Electricity Boards (SEBs) owe to NTPC till date; and

(d) whether this cash flow from the bonds would be sufficient for NTPC's reported plan to add 20,800 MW capacity by 2012 as well as to set-up hydel power projects of around 3000 MW ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Pursuant to decision taken in the Chief Ministers' Conference in March, 2001, the Expert Committee constituted by Government of India under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission has submitted its report on one time settlement of outstanding dues of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) payable to Central Public